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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The specification has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

In order to overcome the double patenting rejection, applicant is filing a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR Section 1.321(c), disclaiming the term beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,470,974.

Applicant also is filing an Information Disclosure Statement to cite references cited in a related Canadian application.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Terminal Disclaimer
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